

Tuesday, February 27, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1574–1579, and S.J. Res. 49. **Pages S1345–46**

D.C. Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate resumed consideration of the conference report on H.R. 2546, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1996. **Pages S1321–40, S1344**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 20), three fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations. **Page S1339**

A second motion was entered to close further debate on the conference report and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Thursday, February 29, 1996. **Page S1344**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—20). **Page S1339**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 4:17 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1377.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RAIL SAFETY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings to examine the safety of the United States rail network, after receiving testimony from Senators Lautenberg and Mikulski; Representative Wynn; James E. Hall, Chairman, and Bob Laubey, Head, Rail Division, both of the National Transportation Safety Board; Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, and Grady Cothen, Associate Administrator of Safety Standards, both of the Federal Railroad Administration, and Grace Crunican, Deputy Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, both of the Department of Transportation; Thomas M. Downs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Edwin L. Harper, Association of American Railroads, and Ronald P. McLaughlin, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, all of Washington, D.C.; and Thomas F. Prendergast, Metropolitan Transit Authority Long Island Rail Road, Jamaica Station, New York, on behalf of the American Public Transit Association.

TRAVEL BAN TO LEBANON

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded hearings on proposals to prohibit United States citizens from travelling to Lebanon, including a related measure, S. Res. 202, after receiving testimony from Senators Graham and Abraham; Representatives Rahall, Hoke, and LaHood; former Senator Percy; Robert H. Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs; Bruce O. Riedel, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs; former U.S. Ambassador to Bahrain Sam Zakhem; Peter J. Tanous, American Task Force for Lebanon, Ralph R. DiSibio, Parsons Corporation, and Khalil E. Jahshan, National Association of Arab Americans, all of Washington, D.C.; and Casey Kasem, Los Angeles, California.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Barry R. McCaffrey, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Warner and Nunn, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT PROTECTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine the interrelationship between the intellectual property provisions of the GATT Treaty implementing law and food and drug law and its impact on the creation of new breakthrough drugs and production of lower cost generic copies, and S. 1277, to provide equitable relief for the generic drug industry, receiving testimony from Senators Pryor, Faircloth, and Chafee; Michael Kantor, United States Trade Representative; William E. Brock, The Brock Group, former U.S. Trade Representative, Gerald J. Mossinghoff, former Commissioner, Patent and Trademark Office, and Charles J. Cooper, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge, both on behalf of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, and James P. Firman, National Council on

the Aging, on behalf of the Generic Drug Equity Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; Robert J. Gunter, Novopharm USA, Schaumburg, Illinois, on behalf of the National Pharmaceutical Alliance; and Judith Simpson, United Patients' Association for Pulmonary Hypertension, DeKalb, Illinois.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, March 5.

FAIR LABOR STANDARDS REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Fair Labor Standards Act and its impact on workplace flexibility, after receiving testimony from Senator Ashcroft; Maggi Coil, Motorola, Schaumburg, Illinois, and John H. Shamley, Washington, D.C., both on behalf of the American Compensation Association; Arlyce Robinson, Computer Sciences Corporation, Falls Church, Virginia; Phyllis G. Diosey, Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., White Plains, New York; E. Glenn Baker, John Alden Life Insurance Company, Miami, Florida; Douglas P. Kight, Boeing Company, Seattle, Washington; and Michael T. Leibig, Zwerdling, Paul, Leibig, Kahn, Thompson & Wolly, Fairfax, Virginia.

House of Representatives

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Bills Introduced: 7 public bills, H.R. 2972–2978; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 365 were introduced.

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Report Filed: One report was filed as follows: H. Res. 366, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2854, to modify the operation of certain agricultural programs (H. Rept. 104–463).

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Recess: House recessed at 1:36 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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Presidential Message—Deferrals and Recissions: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmits three new deferrals, one revised deferral, and four recission proposals of budgetary resources, in accordance with the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Act of 1974—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 104–180).

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Technology Transfer: House voted to suspend the rules and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2196, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions

made under cooperative research and development agreements.

Pages H1262–67, H1290

Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act: House voted to suspend the rules and pass S. 1494, to provide an extension for fiscal year 1996 for certain programs administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Secretary of Agriculture.

Pages H1267–78, H1290

Amendments Ordered Printed: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1325–97.

Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings**ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS**

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water began appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Congressional and public witnesses.